

DISCOVERY 17

Of the chief

CAUSES, SIGNS, and EFFECTS,

Of that most Reigning Disease, the

SCURVY:

Together with the

CAUSES, SYMPTOMS, & EFFECTS,

Of several other dangerous Diseases most usually
afflicting Mankind.Whereunto is added, A short Account of those incomparable,
and most highly approved

PILLS;

CALLED

PILULÆ in omnes MORBOS:

OR,

PILLS against all DISEASES.

Being the only Famous Medicine this Age hath produced against the
SCURVY, and most other Curable Distempers.

 Prepared and set forth for the Publick Benefit,
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The chief Causes, Symptoms, and Effects of the Scurvy.

THIS Disease doth chiefly proceed from Melancholy bred by distempers of the Stomach or Spleen; which being crude, stays in the passages of the Arteries and Veins, and thereby doth excite grievous Fermentation or Workings, from whence are sent Vapors which afflict the heart and brain, &c. from all which is caused malignant and contagious putrefaction of Melancholy; and thence proceed these Symptoms, *viz.* Giddiness in the head, sudden flushings, heat and redness in the face and body, putrefaction and stinking of the mouth and gums, Tooth-ach, stinking breath, blackness and looseness of the teeth, want of digestion, much wind, and unsavory belchings: and by thick vapors arising from the *Hypochondria* to the midriff, are occasioned obstructions of respiration, or shortness of Breath, and straitness of the Breast, &c. The body is dull and heavy, and in the legs are spots, sometimes red, purple, black, or blue: There are also violent pains in the head, shoulders, arms, fingers, belly, thighs, knees, legs, ancles, feet and toes: Whence some who have had the *Pox*, (though cured) do fear the return of their old malady. There are many thousands have this Distemper, that are persuaded they have the *Gout*; because sometimes it hath the very signs of the *Gout*: which also is the cause why the *Scurvy* (which by mistake is judged the *Gout*) is so seldom cured. For those Medicaments pertinent in the *Gout* are not the very same in the *Scurvy*, and consequently cannot cure it. Other signs of the *Scurvy* are bad sleep, and frightful dreams, a feverish heat and sweats towards the morning. Some have risings on their body, as if stung with Bees or Wasps, &c. others have dolours in their sides, imitating those of the Spleen. And in short, it doth appear to a judicious eye, with and in the shape of most Diseases; as hath been sufficiently apparent, not onely to my self, but also to several other experienced Physicians, who have traced this Disease, and made exact inspection into its variable dresses, for many years together. And it is also observed, that it is propagated and spread abroad in these parts of the world, more than any other Distemper whatsoever; and by its sundry shapes hath seduced many in their judgment of the Disease. For in some it passeth for a *Consumption*, in others for a *Dropfie*. &c. and Medicines are given accordingly; but alas to little purpose, and all for want of a true knowledge of the original of the Disease it self. And here observe a great truth, *viz.* that there are very few afflicted with any Distemper of long continuance, who have not joyned with it a *Scorbutick* taint; which unless it be considered, and some powerful *Antiscorbutick* Medicaments given, the Patient is very rarely, if ever cured.

Now the conclusion of all (if the *Scurvy* be not timely remedied, and that.

that it grow predominant) is sometimes *Swoonings, Apoplexies, Dropsies,* great decay of the Body, *Consumptions,* and very often Death it self.

Note, That in some, the *Scurvy* is hereditary; and that there are some few causes thereof, besides those here set down: but these being usually the chief, the other are omitted.

The Causes, Signs, and Effects of the VIRGIN or MAIDEN Disease, called the GREEN-SICKNESS.

THE main cause of this Disease is from obstructions or stoppage; and the cause of such obstructions, &c. are evil, thick and clammy humours which choak and stop the passage in the Vessels, and spoil the making and passage of the Blood, &c. and these proceed from bad Diet; as eating of raw Wheat, Oatmeal, much Salt, Athes, Clay, Chalk, &c. drinking of much Vinegar, or much cold Water; from too much or too little Sleep, eating much raw Fruit, sitting too long at Sewing work, Melancholy, violent Exercise, great Heats or Colds, &c.

The signs of this Disease, are a pale and greenish colour in the Face, the Face and Eye-lids swelled, especially after Sleep; the Heart beats and fainteth, the Stomach swell'd or pained; they loath Meat, have a tickling Cough, and their Breath short; they sometimes Vomit; they have thirst, Head-ach, and are often Melancholy; they are swell'd about their Ancles and Feet, and care not much to stir, especially up Stairs or an Hill.

The continuance of this Disease brings long Fevers, Barrenness, great watry Swellings, and the Dropsie: Some have a *Schirrus* or Tumour, and wasting in their Livers; others by oppression of the Heart die suddenly, and many fall into *Consumptions*, which end in the Grave.

Note, That great caution ought to be used in Bleeding any Maid in the Arm, before she have had her monthly Visits; but if an urgent occasion call for Blood-letting, then rather breathe a Vein in the Ankle. By following this advice, you shall most certainly prevent the Death of some, and many Diseases in others; but more especially that most dreadful Disease of Barrenness.

And against this very Disease, *viz.* the *Green-sickness*; and also to procure the monthly Visits in such Women in whom they are wanting, there are but few Medicines comparable to these PILLS, as has been often proved, when no other means or Medicines could prevail.

I shall here give some account concerning WORMS.

OF these Creatures are several sorts; but the most usual are shaped round and long: these are bred in the Guts, yet sometimes get in to the Stomach. The second are short, and very small, like threds; and commonly lie in the right Gut, and in the end of the Fundament, wherein is almost continual itching; which Worms also provoke the Patient very

often to stool. The third sort are long and broad, of an incredible length, but very rarely seen.

Worms are chiefly caused from raw, gross, slegmatick matter; and therefore Youth and such as eat much Fruit, are seldom free from them: Also all great Eaters are very subject to them; especially those who eat Meats that easily putrefie in the Stomach, and more at once than Nature can well digest; whence follow Crudities, and thence Worms; the signs of which are many. Some have unfavory belchings and a stinking Breath, wasting of the Gums, heaviness, fainting, great thirst, vomiting, cold sweats, and often a Fever; a short Cough, unquiet Sleep, intolerable knowing pains in the Stomach and Bally, loss of Appetite, weakness and consumption of the whole Body. Many times the Patient hath an insatiable Appetite, caused by flat Worms, which devour the Food that is eaten. There are a few signs more of Worms; but these being the most common, I shall say no more of the rest at present; only thus much shall add, that if Worms be voided alive, without other excrement, in the beginning of a Disease, 'tis dangerous, and signifies great Crudities; and if voided dead, signifies much putrefaction that has killed them, which probably, shortly after kills the Patient.

In short, 'tis the opinion of our Age, grounded upon experimental proofs, that Worms and their effects, have conducted more People to their Graves, than any one Distemper whatsoever. And therefore you that suspect them in your selves, make much of these P I L L S, as a choice remedy to prevent a Worm-eaten Carcase: and take them ere to late; by which doing you may prolong your days in ease and health, and be obliged to thank your Adviser.

The Causes, Symptoms, and Effects of DROPSIES.

THE Dropsie *Ascites*, is from abundance of Water heaped up between the *Peritonæum*, or inner-coat of the Bally, and Bowels; which infecting the Mouth of the Stomach, doth bring great thirst, and often a Fever. Sometimes it begins in the Feet, and swells upward to the Legs, Thighs and Cods: but at the same time the upper parts of the Body usually consume. The cause of this Dropsie may be from a cold Distemper of the Liver, which cannot make perfect Blood, but Flegm, Wind, and Water. Sometimes a Dropsie may proceed from a Fever, hot Meats, and too plentiful drinking of Wine; whence the Liver, Spleen, and Kidneys, may lose part of their native heat, and consequently their ability to attract the Water, and eject it by the *Ureters*. The same may be caused from the natural Flux in Women flowing too plentifully, or from retention of the same: And drinking much cold Water may diminish and disperse the native heat, and by that means make way for a Dropsie.

The Dropsie *Tympanites*, is from wind shut up in the cavity of the *Abdomen*

domen or Belly, and sometimes in the Guts. This wind is bred from crude thick flegmatick, or Melancholy humors, which by heat having motion, and made thin, become gross windy Vapors. This *Dropsie* is never of wind alone, but always mixt with Water. But the greatest part of this Distemper proceeding from wind, it is then called a *Tympany*.

The *Dropsie Anasarca* is, without controverſie, bred from a cold Distemper of the Liver, which hinders its concoction; from whence, instead of good Blood, it diſperſeth flegmatick humors, and cauſeth the whole Body to ſwell. A *Dropsie* may be alſo cauſed from all tumors or obſtructions of the Liver, much bleeding, great evacuation by Stool, Sweat, &c.

Note, All *Dropsies* are dangerous, and hardly cured. Yet the *Dropsie Anasarca*, which is occaſioned by ſlegm ſpread over the whole Body, is eaſieſt cured of the three; but *Ascites* and *Tympanites*, with much more difficulty. Notwithſtanding, I here promiſe that my Pills do very rarely fail to give help in the moſt dangerous *Dropsie*, provided the Diſeaſe be within the Power of Phyſick to remedy,

Note, That all the Symptons afore-mentioned, are ſeldom in every one that have theſe Diſeaſes at one and the ſame time (except thoſe in *Dropsies*) but moſt are; and ſome have more, and ſome fewer of them.

There remains now ſomething more to be ſaid of thoſe excellent Pills afore-named; of which briefly thus.

Two of the larger Boxes of them, price but ſix Shillings, are uſually enough for perfect Cure of either of the aforeſaid Diſeaſes, except the Diſeaſe be of very long continuance; and then the Perſon doth ſometimes take a ſmall quantity more, to perfect the Cure.

Theſe Pills are alſo of admirable uſe for ſuch as have the *P O X*, *Gonorrhoea*, or *Running of the Reins*; and for ſuch as formerly have had either of thoſe Diſeaſes, and ſuſpect an ill Cure, or dread a relapſe: and for ſuch they are of good uſe, taken in the Spring, or Autumn, to carry off any reliques of the Malady that may be ſuſpected to remain.

They are likewiſe one of the moſt ſure and ſpeedy Medicines in the World againſt the *Green-ſickneſs*, and for ſuch young Women as want their monthly Viſits. And (as I hinted before) have recovered many, who have been brought even to the Grave with theſe Diſtempers.

They are alſo of good uſe againſt Fits of the Mother, as likewiſe againſt foulneſs, and other Diſtempers of the Womb, taking away the cauſes of Barrenneſs.

They free the Body from lumpiſh Melancholy humours, and revive dropping Spirits even to a wonder, cure the Jaundies, and are a good Medicine againſt heat and ſharpenſs of Urine.

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I shall add, That these Pills taken sometimes to prevent Diseases, or more closely followed to cure, as need shall require, are a choice remedy for all Families, especially those who inhabit near the Seas, such (much more than others) being liable to Obstructions, Agues, the Scurvy, and many other Distempers.

They are also a precious Medicine for Mariners, and such as use the Seas, to whom the Scurvy, and many other Diseases, are very incident; partly from bad Airs, Sea Fogs, sudden Heats and Colds, much Salt Diet; and sometimes from excessive drinking of Foreign and unfrequented Liquors, &c. and they are the more commodious for such to take to Sea with them, because in the time of taking them, none is confined to keep in, but every one may walk abroad at pleasure (except the weather be extremely sharp, or the body very tender) for indeed they are so gentle, that they are safely taken by all Persons, from three Years Old, to the greatest Age; and at all times of the Year, even in the coldest or hottest Seasons; being so congruous to all Constitutions, as gently to wait Nature in her dictates; as is daily manifested by their sundry and facile Operations: for in some they gently move sweat, in others much Urine, and in others they operate effectually by Stool: and in some again, they work by sweat, Urine, and Stool. So that which way soever Nature is inclined to acquit her self, that very way they are ready to assist her.

Many more are the Vertues might truly be ascribed to this Medicine; but I shall only add, that it being taken some few times at Spring and Autumn, doth fortifie the Body against the assaults of most Diseases; and it is also found, by daily Experience, to free the Body from malignant humours, and to resist these Diseases. *viz.* the *S C U R V Y*, the violent *Head-ach*, *Palsie*, *Falling-sickness*, *Apoplexy*, *Lethargy*, or sleepy Disease, *Vertigo*, *Dizziness*, *Frenzy*, *Madness*, *Catarhs*, or *Disfluencies*, *Asthma*, or *Shortness of breath*, *obstructions* of the *Liver*, *Spleen* and *Mesentery*, *Agues*, *Quotidian*, *Tertian*, or *Quartan*, *Foulness* and *Distempers* of the *Womb*, *Pain*, and *foulness* of the *Stomach*, *putrefaction* of *Humors*, *Kings-Evil*, *Leprosie*, *Mange*, *Scurf*, *Running Pains*, *Stitches*, *Convulsions*, *Gout*, *Sciatica*, *Cholicks*, *Stone*, *Looseness*, *Fluxes*, *Excoriation* of the *Intestines*, or *Gripping* in the *Guts*, *Surfeits*, *loss* of *Appetite*, *Vomiting*, &c. purges gross *Tartarous humours* from the Body, thereby preventing the *Gout*, also sweetning and purifying the whole Mass of Blood, &c.

And know that it doth not only prevent these Diseases, but doth also cure the most of them: And, in a word, is a significant and most Noble Medicine against most curable Distempers.

I shall also add, that these Pills do wonderfully remedy a Stinking-breath, if the cause be not in the Teeth. They are likewise a singular good remedy against those Painful, Watery, *Flegmatick*, or *Choleric* Vomiting

tings incident to the Good-fellow, after drinking much, and sitting up late at night. Also the Pills being taken, to the number of Three, Four, or Five, as the body is able, the next morning after hard drinking (and the person to lie in bed two or three hours after taking them, or until they work) do prevent *Surfeits, Fevers, Gouts, Palfies, Dropsies, &c.* which are often the effects of too much Wine, or strong Liquors.

I shall now insert the Names and dwellings of some few (of the great number that I might) who have been restored by my Pills, out of many dangerous Distempers, after all other Medicines have failed.

Mr. *Harding* of *Linnington* near *Warwick*, being near Eighty years of age, had been a long time troubled with a dangerous Scurvy and Dropsie, being swelled as much as his skin could hold, in his feet, legs, thighs, belly, privities, breast, arms, hands and head, so that he was not able to stir out of his bed, was with six shillings worth of my Pills perfectly cured.

Mr. *Richard Hinton*, Living near the Cock, towards the upper end of *Leather-Lane*, being brought into such a low and dangerous condition with Gripping in the Guts, as there was very little hopes of life, was, however, by a Friend of his advised to my Pills, as the only Medicine to be hoped in for his Recovery; whereupon he freely took them, and was thereby in a very few days perfectly recovered.

Mr. *Joseph Seidon*, Woodmonger on *Mill-bank, Westminster*, being exceedingly afflicted with a dangerous Dropsie, insomuch that the print of a finger would have continued a long time in his flesh; and in this condition (by a sad accident) was thrust into the body with a Sword, and bled much inwardly: his wounds alone were judged so dangerous, that most gave him over for a dead man; and yet some perswaded him after all to try what my Pills would do for him, which he willingly assented to: And their effects were indeed most wonderful, for they brought from him all the *Coagulated*, or hardened blood, which was judged before would very much hasten his death; they caused his wounds quickly to heal, and perfectly cured this Dropsie.

Mary the Wife of *Dennis Barnard* of *Buteleigh* in the County of *Somerset*, having been above three years troubled with a violent tormenting pain in the left side of her Stomach, but more especially after eating or drinking (when, it was her constant use to tumble her self on the ground, in hopes of ease thereby) had the advice of many Physicians, and took many Medicines they prescribed her; but found no ease at all: And being brought exceeding low, even to the gates of death, almost despairing of life, was informed of the wonderful effects of my Pills; whereupon a Box of them was bought for her, at *Yeovil* in the said County; she took of them as many and as oft as her body was able to bear, and they

they brought from her by Stool many hundreds of living Worms, of strange shapes; some about an inch in length, some longer, and headed like Eels. At last they brought from her somewhat like a bag; which was judged to be that wherein the Worms had lain. The woman upon this recovered perfect health, look't fresh and well, and became as able to follow her business as in all her life; she being at that time Fifty years of Age.

Mrs. *Grist*, of *Rockshol* near *Warwick*, having been a long time sorely afflicted with an *Ague*, was thereby brought into a very weak condition; and withal being much troubled with the *Scurvy*, had spots of several colours on her legs, and such violent pains in her joynts, that she was hardly able to go: This Gentlewoman was perfectly cured with Fifteen shillings worth of my Pills, and in a short time became one of the healthiest women in that Town.

Matthew Grist of *Rockshol* above named, being very far gone with the *Scurvy*, and full of blew spots, and knotted in his joynts, had many great breakings out on his body; all which with nine shillings worth of my Pills, were perfectly cured.

Mr. *Samuel Hooky*, of *Thrupe* near *Christ-Church* in *Hampshire*, being for a long time exceeding sick and weak, and judged by all to be far gone in a Consumption, and being given over by most Physicians for a dead man, was, to the great wonder of all that knew him, perfectly cured with my Pills.

Mr. *John Hall* of *Stowmarket* in *Suffolk*, being extremely afflicted with the *Scurvy* and Gout, was cured with my Pills.

Edward Goodall of *Stowmarket*, was also cured by my Pills, of the Gout, *Scurvy*, and several other Indispositions.

Mr. *Robert Taylor* of *Hadleigh* in *Suffolk*, being much troubled with the *Scurvy*, and having great pains in his bones, was perfectly cured with my Pills.

The Wife of *John Roper* of *Southover*, in the Parish of *Tolpidele* in *Dorsetshire*, was exceedingly troubled for the space of eight years with the *Scurvy* and *Dropsie*, her legs being full of purple, red and yellow spots, and so swelled, that they were ready to burst; and she was often so full of pain in them, that she could not go, but upon her hands and knees; she was lifted into, and out of her bed: and after the trial of all likely means that could be heard of for her Cure proved successless, she had perfect help by the use of my Pill, which made her so well, that she could travel on Foot nine or ten miles in one day, being then Fifty years of age.

Mr. *John Edmonds* of *Arundel* in *Sussex*, being extremely afflicted with the *Scurvy*, insomuch that himself and others concluded it would in a short time end his days, was to the great admiration of all his acquaintance, perfectly cured by my Pills, as in his Letter to me he doth fully and thankfully acknowledge.

Mr. *Pearson* of the Bank, within two miles of *Sheffield* in *Yorkshire*, was exceedingly swelled with the *Dropsie*, and his breath so short, that he judg-
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ed he had not long to live: And being in this sad condition sent for a Box of my Pills, with which he cured not only himself, but also two of his neighbours, who at that time were so desperately ill, that their Physicians gave them both over for dead men: And in the same Parish one of my Pills perfectly cured a Child of *Convulsion-fits*.

Mr. *John Johnson*, servant to Mr. *Thomas Forth*, Brewer in *St. Giler's* in the Fields, *London*, being so far gone in a most dangerous *Dropsie*, that he appeared to all that beheld him absolutely past Cure, and not likely to live three days; was, to the great admiration of all that knew him, perfectly cured with my Pills. And of this great Cure any may be satisfied at the house of the said Mr. *Forth*, as also by most of the Inhabitants thereabout.

Mr. *Henry Tomgood*, an Officer of the Excise, resident at the Bell in *Shepton-mallet* in *Somersetshire*, being exceedingly afflicted with the *Scurvy*, and so much swelled with the *Dropsie*, that he could not lift his hands to his head, his teeth were loose, his breath short, stomach lost, his body exceeding weak, and he almost despairing of help, was in a short time perfectly cured with my Pills; and his Cure in those parts is judged most wonderful.

Thomasin Spurwel, Servant to *Jonathan Spark Esq;* at the Friery in *Plymouth*, having for divers years been afflicted with violent tormenting pains in her Stomach, and several other Indispositions proceeding from some Maiden obstructions, whereby she was brought very weak; was, after all other means had failed, perfectly cured with my Pills.

In March 1684. Mr. *William Forman* living in *Gardners Ally* near *Clarks-wel-green*, was in that dangerous condition, that he lay Bed-ridden 20 Weeks, or upward, and could not turn in his Bed, without two Persons to help him: He was so far gone with a desperate *Scurvy*, and *Dropsie*, that he had quite lost the use of his Limbs; which were restored, and he perfectly cured by my Pills. He will also give further satisfaction to any that desire it.

Mr. *Doules* of *Milton*, four miles from *Marlborow* in *Wiltshire*, being even at the gates of Death, not able to move about his Chamber, with a most dangerous *Scurvy* and *Dropsie*, was, to the admiration of the whole Country, perfectly cured with my Pills.

Edward Wilmont, the Son of *Edward Wilmont* of *Moullam*, within a mile of *Ilmister*, in the County of *Somerset*, was a long time most grievously afflicted with a *Scurf* and *Leprosie*, had hardly any part of him free from head to foot, and all means that could in those parts be advised for his Cure, were made use of, over and over, but all to no purpose; for he grew still worse and worse, notwithstanding all could be done; until at last, that he took my Pills, wherewith he was in a short time perfectly cured, to the great admiration, not onely of his Relations, but also to the whole Neighbourhood in those parts: And this is made publick by the request of his Father, who has the reputation of an honest man, and will inform any one of the truth in this matter.

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Mr. Rowland the Minister of *Bisshopston*, near *Marlborow* in *Wilt-shire*, being brought even to the grave with a most dangerous *Scurvy* and *Dropfie*, received a most wonderful Cure with my Pills.

John White, Servant to Mr. *Marshall* of *St. Albans*, was exceedingly afflicted with the *Yellow and Black Jaundies*, also had the *Scurvy* in a very high degree, and an exceeding dangerous *Dropfie*, so that all gave him over for a dead man, yet was perfectly cured with my Pills.

Mr. *Nicholas Gange*, of *Tisbury* near *Hendon* in *Wilt-shire*, being 65 years of age, was exceedingly afflicted with swelling, and a watery humor in his Legs, which run much, he lay long under the Chyrurgeons hands, but finding no good from them, applied himself to my Pills, which perfectly cured him, so that he was as able to follow business, as he had been in 20 years before, as was acknowledged under his own hand on the 11th. of *Novemb.* 1677.

James Swanton Esq; living in *Kelberry*, in the County of *Kildare* in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, being extremely afflicted with the *Scurvy* and *Dropfie*, received a most wonderful Cure with my Pills.

Mr. *William Leeds*, living at the *Wheat-sheaves* and *Pidgeons* in *Portsmouth*, being exceedingly afflicted with a dangerous *Scurvy* and *Droplic*, insomuch that he was given over by Physicians for a dead man, all hopes of his Recovery being past, and not being able to turn him in his bed without help, was by the blessing of God perfectly cured with less than Six shillings worth of my Pills; and this I had notice of by request of the said Mr. *Leeds*, in a Letter dated the 10 of *July*, 1677.

Katharine Green, Widow of *Waterford*, within two miles of *Hartford*; was extremely troubled with very sick Vomiting Fits, for the space of three years, and sometimes with violent pains in her side ready to swoon away; she sought for help to several eminent Physicians, far and near, but could find none, insomuch that she was pined away even to a Skeleton, and indeed did despair of Life; but being advised to try my Pills as the likeliest Medicine for her Cure, she accordingly did take them, and with such success, through the mercy of God to her, that with less than a three Shilling Box of them, She was perfectly Cured, to the great admiration of all that knew her. And this Relation is printed upon her own request, which she is ready to testify.

Goodman Stratom, living at *Shream* near *Highworth*, in the County of *Wilts*; being exceeding sick and lame, and having spent much time and Money in seeking after help, but to no purpose, and his Cure being almost dispaired of, he was however, advised to take my Pills as the only remedy proper against his Maladies, if any Cure might be hoped for, which he accordingly did, and by his use of little above three shillings worth of them, he received a perfect Cure, and in their operation or working with him at several times, he voided incredible quantities of strangely shaped Worms exceeding large and long, to the great admiration of the beholders;

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and this Cure is accounted so wonderful, that the like hath not been heard of in those parts.

An Abstract of a Letter from Thomas Baker, of Darking in Surry.

SIR, It hath pleased God, by the use of your Pills, two marvelous great Cures have been wrought in our Town: The one was upon Thomas Laker, aged seventy four years, who was extremely afflicted for the space of thirty years, with great numbers of Worms in his Fundament, so that it is almost incredible to say what vast numbers came from him, and he having been with many Physicians for help, could get none, but was given over as incurable; however, some that had experienced your Pills, advised him to try them, which accordingly he did, and was perfectly cured with an eighteen penny Box of them. The other Cure was on Henry Dibble, also of Darking, aged above sixty years, who was so far overrun with a violent Scurvy, that his Physicians gave him over as past all hopes of Recovery, who, notwithstanding, was perfectly cured with taking one eighteen penny Box of your Pills. These Cures were performed, the first in the Year 1680. and the latter in the Year 1681. but I thought not fit to give you any account of them, until they had continued some considerable time free from these Distempers, that we might be assured their Cures were perfect and confirmed, which now we sufficiently are, without the least sign of a Relapse. These are real truths, as can be testified by many in our Town, as also by

Darking 22d. of
January 1683.

Your Loving Friend
Thomas Baker.

A Letter from Mr. Bradshall, Minister of Lime in Cheshire.

Mr. Bromfield,

TH E S E parts of Cheshire are bound to praise God and pray for you, for those excellent Pills sent by you amongst them, whereof eighteen perfectly cured one Peter Hunt a Shoe-maker of Lime, in the County of Chelster, in two or three days time, to the great admiration of his Neighbours. Both his hands were very much swelled with great pain, and his Body in an high Fever, and much infected with the Yellow jaundies. The first Dose eased his hands and whole body; the second took down the swelling, and the third put him into a good state of Body, and so dried the superated matter in his hands, that it pilled off in a very short time: And he hath lived since in good health for two or three Years, without taking any other Physick. I might inform you of many other wonderful Cures performed by your Pills with God's blessing, on multitudes of Gentlemen, Gentlemen, and persons of inferior rank, who have been speedily cured by them of a putrid Fever, which hath much infected these parts since so rare a Medicine for it, was by you sent us. So many also have been cured by them of Colds, and Wormes, and several other Distempers, too many to be particularly mentioned, that I conceive your Pills cannot be sufficiently commended by

SIR,

Your thankful Friend and Servant;

T. Bradshall.

An abstract of a Letter from Mr. Thomas Pitt, Chirurgion in Lime, in the County of Dorset.

S I R, I hold my self obliged to give you an account of the great benefit, I, in my private practice, as well as the Country round, have received by the worth and excellency of your Pills, I have found them effectual against inveterate Scurvies, Calenture, Gripping in the Guts, and Scrophulous Tumors, one Dose hath cured Surfeits to admiration, they have cured pains in the head, old acbes in the Limbs, and many other distempers.

More particularly three persons in and near this Town, one of a Dropsie and Scurvy, who had been diseased eight years, another was worn away (as was judged by a consumption) to a Skeleton, who by taking two half Boxes was perfectly cured, the third by taking one Box was perfectly cured of the Yellow Jaundies. I could also give you an account of a great many more Cures wrought by your Pills, but shall add no more at this time but that I am,

Lime, June 22.
1675.

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Your humble Servant at Command,
Thomas Pitt.

An abstract of a Letter from Richard Carter Distiller at Chichester.

Doctor,

THese are to acquaint thee with a remarkable Cure that hath been lately performed with thy Pills, upon the Daughter of Edmund Stevens of the Parish of Appledrum, near this City; she hath been extremely afflicted with tormenting pains in her Stomach and Bowels, and many times in all her Limbs, with great weakness in all parts of her Body, seeming to be in a Consumptive condition, very much loathing her meat, not being in a capacity to eat with her Father and Mother at their Table in several years; much hath been spent upon Physicians and in Physick for her Cure, but all in vain; and she continuing in this sad condition from seven years old, to the age of seventeen years, caused her Relations to despair of ever getting help for her, yet notwithstanding all seeming unlikeliness of her recovery, she is perfectly cured with taking thy Pills, and hath continued in good health ever since last Spring: and this will be Testified to any that shall enquire, by her Father and Mother, (who are Credible Persons) and who also desired me to give thee this account: I might also enform thee of several others, but having no order for it by those Cured, shall say no more at present but rest,

Chichester, the 19th. of the
11th. Month, 1677.

Thy Friend,
Rich. Carter.

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Directions for taking my PILLS, are as followeth.

I. Persons of a middle strength are to begin with taking three or four Pills at Bed-time, about three hours after a very light Supper (but no Supper is better.) If three or four work not sufficiently, add one every night, until you take the Dose that best agrees with your Body, take them two or three nights one after another (or as strength will allow) then forbear them a night, (or two nights if the Patient be not strong) then take them again as before, &c.

II. Those whose bodies are weak, or that a little Physick will work with, may begin with two Pills, taken after their first sleep, or very early in the morning fasting, and lie in bed an hour, (or two, or three hours) after them if conveniently they can.

III. Note, If the Pills taken at bed-time usually work much in the night, it will in such case be best to take them very early in the morning, and to lie in bed 2 or 3 hours after taking them; or 2 or 3 Pills more or less, may be taken at night, and as many in the morning, as strength will allow.

IV. Women with child, and those that give suck, should begin with taking but one or two Pills; and afterwards may take more, as they find convenient, and as their bodies will bear them.

V. To children about three or four years old, give half or three quarters of a Pill, to elder children give a Pill, 2 or 3, according to their age and strength: And by the way note, there is no better Remedy in the world against Worms.

VI. If the Patient be thirsty, in time of the Pills working, he may drink a draught or two of Posset drink, thin Broth, or such Liquors as he best likes, except in *Dropsies*, in which 'tis best to drink the Liquor made as followeth (if conveniently to be had.)

Take of the tops of Green-broom six handfuls, of Fumitory as much, Garden Scurvy-grass, Common Worm-wood, of each three handfuls, all cut, Bark of Elder ten ounces, Juniper-berries bruised twelve ounces, Anniseeds bruised six ounces, Horse-Raddish Roots three ounces, Liquorish four ounces, slice the Roots, put them into a thin Linnen or Hair bag, and put them into five gallons of strong Ale: when it hath almost done working, then within a day or two after, the Patient should begin to drink thereof three draughts in a day; but if he drink no other Liquor, it will be the better, and let him sometimes eat a little candied or Green-ginger, and still remember, besides the drink, to take my Pills as before appointed. These Directions observed, the Pills seldom fail to remedy any curable Dropsie, as hath been often proved. And note, this Drink, with my Pills, is also of excellent use for such as find themselves very far gone with the Scurvy.

VII. Such as care not to swallow Pills alone, may take them in a little of the pap of an Apple, stew'd Prunes, five or six spoonfuls of Beer, Ale, or Wine; or they may be bruised or cut small (which indeed is the best way

of they be very hard by long keeping and taken with Honey, Sugar, the pap of an Apple, Beer, Ale, or Wine, &c.

VIII. Against the Pox, Gonorrhœa, or Running of the Reins, let the Pills be taken in the largest Dose, yet not so, as much to weaken the Patient.

IX. Note, My Pills sometimes give an easie Vomit or two; that is when the Dose is large, the Stomach foul, or Nature much-inclin'd that way; which proves very well for the Patient: For they carry forth such Cholerick, Flegmatick, and other noxious Excrements, as Nature could not well avacuate any other way, and by that means often compleat the Cure. And if in their working the Patient chance to be much stomach-sick (which seldom happens) then let him drink a glass of Sack or White-wine; or if Wine be too costly, a draught of strong Ale warm'd; either of which usually gives speedy ease.

✍ And because I would have no mistake, pray observe, That those whose Distempers are of long continuance, cannot in reason expect perfect Cure with three or four times taking my Pills; such should therefore take them in a Dose as large as they can conveniently bear, and continue them ten or fifteen days, or longer if need require; omitting them a day or two sometimes, as before directed, or as the Patient shall see cause.

And that my Pills may fully answer every ones expectation, I do advise all persons that shall swallow them (whole) and not find them operate by Stool or other ways by Sweat, Urine, &c. as may be expected from the number of Pills taken, that they would afterwards cut or bruise them pretty small, and so take them in the Pap of an Apple, Honey, or stem'd Prunes, or drink them in half a dozen Spoonfuls of Ale, Beer, or what best likes the Patient; which is a sure way to make them operate to content; they being really not at all the worse (but only harder) though seven years old.

And indeed it is also a piece of good Husbandry, (besides it's great advantage in forwarding the Cure) to cut or bruise them; for four or five Pills so taken will be to all intents and purposes as significant as six or seven taken whole: also to drink a good draught or two in the forenoon of Possit-drink, thin broth, or Ale, will very much forward and quicken their operation.

But withal you should note, That when not only my Pills, but any other purging Medicine hath been taken three or four days immediately one after another, there cannot be matter the third and fourth times to work on, as there was at the first and second takings. And so is it also most true, that half so many Stools, when they have been taken three or four days as above mentioned, are as significant to the cure of a Distemper, as so many more were at first taking. Now these things being but thorowly considered, and my Directions rightly followed, I am very confident that every rational mans expectations (in the use of my Pills) will be fully answered: But for such as will not follow Directions in taking them, it will be much better both for them and me, that they let my Pills quite alone; and so I heartily desire them to do.

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My PILLS are disposed of in Tin-boxes sealed up with my Seal at Arms, being a *Lion passant Guardant*, the larger Box containing about Forty Pills (or within one or two more or less) is Three shillings; and the lesser Box of Nineteen or Twenty Pills is Eighteen pence.

But because of Dangers, and extraordinary charge of Freight by Sea, and great cost of Returns from many parts out of *England*: the larger Box of Pills in *Scotland* and *Ireland* is sold for Three shillings six pence; and the lesser Box for One shilling and nine pence, and not under: And are to be sold by

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 Mr. Samuel Perkins, Shopkeeper in Henley.
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 Mr. Francis Ward, Bookfeller in Leicester.
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 Thomas Crosbie, Grocer in Ormskirke.
 Mr. Samuel Palmer, Bookfeller in Gloucester, and at his shop near the Tolfey in Tewksbury.
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And are also to be sold at my House at the Blue Balls in Plow-
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